Statement

Infrastructure Sector Performance

Sl. No.	Sector	April-January			
		%Change 1991-92	%Change 1990-91	Target 1991-92	Prodn. 1991-92
1	Power (BU)	8·6	7·1	234.9	236·8
2	Coal (MT)	10·7	1·9	180·4	177·9
3	Saleable Steel (MT)	9·5	3·0	8·2	8·2
4	Cement (MT)	10·1	6·2	46·3	43·8
5	Fertilizer(MT) (N+P) Total	9·2	6·2	8·4	8·2
6	Petroleum (MT);				
	(i) Crude Oil	(—)7·6	(—)3·0	26·1	25·5
	(ii) Refinery Throughout	(—)1·8	(—)0·5	42·6	42·2
	Infrastructure Sector	6·6	3·8		

BU: Billion Units

MT: Million Tonnes

Exports by BHEL

3925. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantum of exports by BHEL (in foreign exchange) during 1990-91 and how does it compare with that in 1989-90 ;

(b) whether BHEL has been diversifying its product range in a bid to find utilisation of its capacity ;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(d) whether it is a fact that BHEL is on the brink of turning into a sick public sector undertaking ; and

(e) if so, the circumstances attributed to such a situation and the steps taken by Government to retrieve the undertaking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) The exports of BHEL during 1989-90 and 1990-91 are as under :—

	(Rs. in crores) 1989-90	1990-91
Exports (Physical & deemed	381	490

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. As a consequence of diversification measures taken by BHEL, many new products like waste heat recovery boilers, gas-turbines, AC locomotives, diesel electric shunting locomotives, turret castings, ceralin, EPABX/RAX, desalination plants, have already been introduced. Plans are also afoot to add combined cycle power plants, circulating fludised bed combustion boilers, simulators, electric trolley buses, light rail transit sytstem, metro systems, mining equipment, trainer aircrafts etc. to BHEL's product range.

(d) and (e) it is not correct to say that BHEL is on the brink of turning into a sick Public Sector Undertaking, although BHEL, at the moment has a lean order book, which is likely to affect its profitability and capacity utilisation, BHEL is taking following steps to improve the situation :—

(i) Making Vigorous efforts to realise its dues from customers ;

(ii) Increase exports (deemed and physical).

(iii) Farmulating bids to customers with consortium arrangements to tide over the paucity of orders ;

(iv) Diversification into new areas of business.